

## **SLOPER "SINGLE LETTER" PROVISIONALS.**

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The simple answer to Stephen Steere's suggestion that single letter Wartime Provisionals' exist is that they can't! The suffix 'p' can only be a allocated where *more than one die* has been employed to make up the required letters. Inevitably, this technique results in wide variation in the position of the letters relative to each other on the initialled stamps. The suffix 'p' applied to catalogue numbers warns of this *irregular* spacing.

Almost by definition, a single letter die such as the "D" Stephen quoted can only be catalogued as a *regular* die (in this case D0010.02M) with William Dawson & Sons Ltd listed as one of the identified users. I fully accept that the use of "D" by Dawsons was short lived, of a temporary nature and probably borne out of expediency, but that doesn't make it a "Provisional".